

HB 207 -- CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES (Fitzwater (144))

Committee of Origin: The Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

Currently, it is a crime to possess, deliver, deposit, or conceal certain items in a prison or jail. This bill adds two-way telecommunications devices and their component parts to the list of prohibited items.

This bill provides that the prohibition on telecommunications devices does not apply to law enforcement officers lawfully engaged in their duties or any person who is authorized to use such a device in the facility. However, the bill prohibits any such person from knowingly delivering, attempting to deliver, or depositing a two-way telecommunications device or its component parts to any inmate, prisoner, or detainee. Furthermore, the provisions of the bill do not apply to any person unless the correctional facility or city, county, or private jail posts a conspicuous notice that two-way telecommunications devices or their component parts are not permitted beyond a certain point and the person knowingly possesses the two-way telecommunications device or its component parts beyond that point.